

## 5/21/15 Minutes

### 1. Call to Order 6:05 pm

Directors present: Ward Holmes, Jeff Wagner, Chris Hardrick and Tom Brossia, Ron Borrego attended by phone. General Manager Charlie Smith and customers Brian Brown, Michael Wasson, Kathy Hall and Charles Trantham were also present.

### 2. Approval of Agenda- The Agenda was approved

### 3. Approval of 4/16/15 Meeting Minutes –Tom moved to approve the 4/16/15 Meeting Minutes Jeff Second. Approved

### 4. Brian Brown Leak Adjustment

Customer Brian Brown had a leak after his service meter that resulted in 169,000 gallons of lost water. Per LDWA policy he was credited premiums for the leak. He is requesting further relief on his water bill which, without premiums was \$1,300. Mr. Brown felt that even though the leak was after the meter LDWA should be responsible because the meter pit, which was installed by Lake Durango Water Company was on a steep hill side and its location contributed to the failure of a barbed connection. The barbed connection was installed by Mr. Brown after the meter was originally connected to the water main 20 years ago. The Board discussed the option of charging Mr. Brown the same water usage rate as bulk customer Durango West 2 due the large volume of water lost. Mr. Brown felt that even at the reduced rate it was still unfair and that LDWA was responsible for the leak. The DW2 rate represents LDWA's cost to produce treated water.

Tom moved to charge Mr. Brown water usage at the same rate as Durango West 2 for the water lost in the leak. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

### 5. Water Restrictions

The letter to customers updating them on Stage 3 water restrictions was not sent because the lake has been receiving water since 5/11 and may rise above the Stage 3 restriction volume of 450 af. Charlie will update the letter after the lake stops receiving water. The Lake Durango webpage will be updated as the lake volume increases.

### 6. General Manages Report

#### Financials, Billing, Insurance, etc.

Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, and Budget Performance reports for April were reported. Revenues and expenses are at budget.

#### Source and Supply –

The lake volume is approximately 390 AF and there are 10 AF in Amber reservoir. Stage 3 restrictions are in effect. LDWA water rights are in priority and the SWSP and Hutchison changed water are being diverted to the lake. With the current rainfall it is possible that the ditch could run into June.

#### Treatment

April water production was 4,275,000 gallons. The Chlorine Dioxide system was rebuilt by Evoqua and is working properly.

#### Distribution

Estimated April water sales are 2,500,000.

### 7. Source Water Project Update

A meeting was held to select alternate bid items for the raw water project in case bids are higher than budget. SWCA is making revisions to a letter to BOR outlining the approach to the electrical line extension by LPEA and the initial use of portable generators at the intake structure and booster pump station. A meeting was held to start work on the 210 pipeline operating agreement. A management committee and pipeline operating plan were proposed. Delays related to the EA will result in the final licensing agreement with BOR to be pushed back to October 2. Trautner will prepare a quote to due additional soil testing to determine if cathodic protection is necessary for the 210 pipeline.

**8. Approval bills** – Tom moved to pay the bills as listed in the check detail. Chris 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved

**9. Public comments or Questions**

Charlie Trantham had questions about water restrictions.

**10. Executive Session Personnel Matters. Per CRS 24-6-402(4)(f)**

The Board moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. The Board came out of executive session and Tom moved to increase Charlie Smith's General Manager salary to \$96,000/year to bring it in line with similar water authority manager pay rates on the western slope. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup>, Approved.

**11. Adjourn 7:30 pm.**